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February 2008

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

A Happy and Blessed New Year to all my Brother Knights. Over the years, I have always tried to give up things for the New Year. As with many other people I have found that it is easier to do something or set some new goals then giving up things and then breaking my resolutions. In the spirit of our fraternal organization, here are a few that might be helpful to get you started:

1. Receive all of the Sacraments more often.
2. Get involved with Church and Community.
3. Attend Council and Assembly meetings on a regular basis.
4. Give blood more often.
5. Help a widow or someone sick or in distress.
6. And last try to smile more it's contagious.

These are just a few examples. I'm sure if you think about it you can come up with some goals of your own that apply to you. If we all set goals to strengthen our faith and be charitable in our communities it strengthens our organization.

Fraternally yours,

George

Chaplain's Message

The Prayer Jesus Taught Us

by Victor Hoagland, C.P.

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"Teach us how to pray," the disciples said to Jesus. (*Luke 11, 1*) He answered by teaching them the prayer we call the Our Father or The Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer is a basic Christian prayer. As a model of prayer, every Christian learns it by heart. It appears everywhere in the church's life: in its liturgy and sacraments, in public and private prayer. It's a prayer Christians treasure.

Though we memorize it as a set formula, the Lord's Prayer shouldn't be repeated mechanically or without thought. Its purpose is to awaken and stimulate our faith. Through this prayer Jesus invites us to approach God as Father. Indeed, the Lord's Prayer has been called a summary of the gospel.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

When Moses approached God on Mount Sinai, he heard a voice saying, "Do not come near; put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." An infinite chasm separates us from the transcendent God.

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus invites us to draw near to God who is beyond human understanding, who dwells in mystery, who is all holy. We can call God "our Father".

Calling God "Father" does not mean that God is masculine. God is beyond the categories of gender, of masculine or feminine. None of our descriptions of God is adequate. God, who is "in heaven", whose name is holy, cannot be fully known by us.

By calling God "Father" we are more rightly describing ourselves and our relationship with God. Jesus teaches that we have a filial relationship with God; God sees us as if we were a daughter or a son. And we, on our part, can approach God in the familiar confident way a child approaches a loving parent. What is more, we approach God through God's only Son, Jesus Christ, who unites us to himself.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

God's kingdom. Jesus often said that God's power would appear and renew all creation. God like a mighty king would rule over the earth according to a

plan that unfolds from the beginning of the world. God's kingdom would be marked by peace and justice. Good would be rewarded and evil punished. The kingdom, according to Jesus, is not far off, but already present in our midst, though not yet revealed.

In the Lord's prayer we pray that God's kingdom come, that God's will, which is for our good, be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

We are God's children. What can be more childlike than this petition in which we pray for our daily bread, a word that describes all those physical, human and spiritual gifts we need to live. With the confidence of children we say: "Give us this day what we need."

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

This petition of the Lord's Prayer is a demanding one. Not only do we ask God's forgiveness for our daily offenses, but we link God's forgiveness of us with our forgiveness of others. Forgiving others is not always easy to do. We need God's help to do it. But it must be done or we ourselves cannot receive God's mercy.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Life is not easy. It is a daily battle. Trials like sickness and failure can crush our spirits. False values and easy promises can entice us and even destroy our souls. And so we ask God to keep us from failing when we are tested, to help us to know the right thing to do, to deliver us from the evil which awaits us in life.

The Lord's Prayer sums up the teaching of Jesus. It is also a prayer that offers the grace of Jesus: his reverence for God, his childlike confidence in his Father, and his power to go bravely through life no matter what comes. When we pray his prayer, his spirit becomes our own.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

Father Bradley C. Baldwin, T.O.R.



Happy Birthday

- 2/18 Philip J. Baker
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- 2/10 Eugene P. Bettwy
- 2/13 Robert M. Bottenfield
- 2/25 Joseph R. Cassidy
- 2/4 Authur L. Chamberlain
- 2/21 Donald B. Crider
- 2/26 Paul W. Davis, Sr.
- 2/8 John P. Elder
- 2/28 James J. Farrell
- 2/4 Anthony E. Frye
- 2/13 Ronald C. Gotshall
- 2/27 Carl R. Hazenstab
- 2/25 James R. Jones
- 2/22 David G. Lanzel
- 2/14 Mark D. Leberfinger
- 2/24 Ray E. Malone
- 2/6 Rodney A. Messner
- 2/9 Gregory A. Stiffler
- 2/1 George A. Toth
- 2/27 Simon E. Wert



January Council Meeting Notes

Council 871 from Hanover, PA has a resolution for Wayne S. Freet to be considered for the position of State Deputy. Wayne is an extremely qualified candidate. He is active in the Knights, his church and his community. He has received numerous honors and has and is serving on a wide variety of committees such as degree teams. Our council will be sending representation to support Wayne at the caucus.

A thank you was received from St. Vincent DePaul for our gift of \$100. Our gift along with many other generous donations have helped them revamp their programs to help serve people in need.

A Christmas card was received from Francis Berletic. Many of you may have remembered Francis as a very active member of our council.

We received a Christmas card and thank you for our gift of \$300 to St. Leonard's.

Father Mark Reed sent us a Christmas card.

Our Basket of Cheer took in over \$1,500 and cleared around \$750. The winners were:
\$125 Mark Frew

Mark donated his winnings back To the council. Thanks Mark!

- \$50 Guy Luciano
- \$50 David Karl
- \$25 Bob Lonero
- \$25 Rick Pielmeir
- \$25 Gene Fzye

A thank you was extended to Tom Sault for putting together the phone committee.

Reminders:

Dues notifications were mailed. Be sure to also complete your good deeds survey, prayer card and final wishes form. Also be sure to keep copies for yourself and loved ones.

The Measure Up Campaign 2008 will be taking place the third week of April. For more information contact Mark Frew.

We are still collecting aluminum cans. The collection area is over the fence behind the bar-b-q pits.

Special Welcome

Welcome to Deacon Robert Bailey. Deacon Robert transferred to our council from St. Thomas Council in Bedford. Deacon Robert celebrated his second degree in our chambers. He will be doing deaconate work at the cathedral.

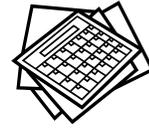
Degree Reminder

Father O'Hanlon Council #4678, State College, will exemplify the Formation Degree (2nd) on Sunday, February 10 at 2:00PM and Knighthood Degree (3rd) on March 30 at 2:00PM. Anyone interested see Lou Endress for details.

4th Degree News:

There will be an Exemplification of the 4th Degree on April 13, 2008 at the Holiday Inn, PA (Harrisburg area). Any 3rd Degree member whose 1st Degree date is before April 13, 2007 can become a 4th Degree member. Please contact Faithful Comptroller Raymond Baker at 695-2546 or e-mail pjpbrijb@aol.com for more information.

Council Calendar



Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 8:00 pm. The next meetings are:
Thursday, February 7 at 8:00 pm
Thursday, March 6 at 8:00 pm

February 10, 2008 There will be a Chicken Bar-B-Q held in-conjunction with the American Legion. We would like to pre-sale as many tickets as possible. See Lou Endress for tickets. Profits will be split with our profits going to the seminarian. If interested in helping to cook contact Gary Ellis.

April 26 the Bellefonte Council #1314 will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Congratulations.

Deacon's Report

Deacon Dan reminded as all of how we just celebrated the feast of the Holy Family. As we celebrated this feast many of us celebrated our Christmas with our immediate and extended families. He now challenged us to carry our family values throughout the year and make an effort to get together with our extended family at least one more time this year. He also asked us to make every effort to pray together because the family that prays together stays together. We also should make the effort to have meals as a family as regularly as possible. Cherish and love our family relationships.

Trips

Two trips are planned to Penn State's Eisenhower Auditorium for off-broadway shows.

2/10 Movin' Out Cost \$56

4/10 Evita Cost \$51

Cost per person includes your transportation and ticket. For more details contact Lou Endress.

Thoughts & Prayers

Please pray for our recorder Rick Pielmeir who is dealing with some health issues. Also keep in your prayers fellow knights that have passed away.